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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants Kyle Hayes  
Serial No: 09/685,708  
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Examiner: Unknown  
Group Art Unit: 3731  
Date: February 6, 2001

For: **BONE STABILIZATION PLATE WITH A SECURED LOCKING  
MECHANISM CERVICAL FIXATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time such that the period for response will expire on **February 28, 2001**. Applicant requests the time extension for the express purpose of filing a **RESPONSE TO MISSING PARTS** and the same is enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of **\$55.00** is enclosed as the statutory fee for a small entity to respond within the one month. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. **08-3150** for any fee insufficiency or excess.

Favorable action hereon is believed to be in order and the same is earnestly and respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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